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SUB: CABINET DISAGREEMENT ON REACTOR CHOICE

1. ADAM RAPHAEL, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT FOR THE OBSERVER, IN BY-LINED STORY IN 18 DECEMBER ISSUE DESCRIBES "CRUCIAL BATTLE BEING WAGED AMONG SENIOR MINISTERS" OVER FUTURE CIVIL REACTOR PLANS.
2. ONE OR MORE AGRS SEEM GUARANTEED, AS REPORTED EARLIER. IMMEDIATE CONTROVERSY IS TIMING OF POSSIBLE DECISION TO BUILT A PWR, PERHAPS EMPLOYING KRAFTWERKE UNION RATHER THAN WESTINGHOUSE TECHNOLOGY, ACCORDING TO TRADE SOURCES.
3. ENERGY SECRETARY BENN IS SEEN AS LEADER OF THOSE WHO WOULD DEFER PWR DECISION INDEFINITELY. UKAEA AND CEGB, WITH STRONG BACKING FROM WEINSTOCK OF GEC, CONTINUE PRESSURE FOR PWR COMMITMENT.
4. ACCORDING TO RAPHAEL STORY CABINET LINEUP IS AS FOLLOWS: WITH BENN FOR DEFERRAL ARE: MILLAN (SEC STATE FOR SCOTLAND), HATTERSLEY (PRICES AND CONSUMER UNCLASSIFIED

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PROTECTION), SHORE (ENVIRONMENT), AND OWEN (FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH). CALLING FOR EARLY AFFIRMATIVE DECISION, ACCORDING TO RAPHAEL STORY, ARE SIR JACK RAMPTON (BENN'S OWN PERMANENT SECRETARY), SIR KENNETH BERRILL (HEAD OF CABINET OFFICE "THINK TANK"), HEALEY (EXCHEQUER), DELL (TRADE), LEVER AND VARLEY (INDUSTRY). THE PRIME MINISTER HAS NOT YET DECLARED

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